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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Intelligence Producers Council

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FROM: Chairman, DCID 1/2 Committee

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SUBJECT: Procedures for Implementing SIG(I) Quarterly Review of
DCID 1/2 Priorities

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1. With your concurrence, I propose to implement the following procedures to support the quarterly SIG(I) review of DCID 1/2 priorities:

- A minimum of one month before a scheduled meeting, we will send committee members (a) the latest complete priorities matrix; (b) an overview of the priority changes made since the last meeting, highlighting significant changes and trends; and (c) a newly developed summary matrix of priorities intended to facilitate expeditious review of significant priority assignments.

- We will ask committee members, having reviewed the foregoing material, to advise us of their proposed priority changes and rationales approximately two weeks prior to a scheduled meeting. We will collate and annotate these inputs and send them back out to committee members so that all will be prepared for the discussion and decision items to arise at the meeting. This material will also be used to brief the DDCI for the meeting.

2. As indicated in my memo to you of 10 September, I am not in favor of requiring the SIG(I) to review all priority changes, some 1200 this year. This would unnecessarily burden a high level committee with a great deal of trivia. The quarterly overview of priority changes we propose to provide the SIG(I) committee members will draw their attention to changes affecting operationally significant countries and topics. The committee could, of course, alter those changes, but is likely to do so only rarely over time. As with the NITs of Continuing Interest, the DCID 1/2 Committee will act to maintain congruence between assigned priorities and the express and implicit guidance of the SIG(I).

3. I have taken the liberty of amending your staff's latest draft procedures to reflect all of the above. [redacted] will coordinate with [redacted] on the specifics. After the first quarterly meeting, we can make whatever adjustments seem indicated.

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